

REMARKS

Claims 1-74 are pending in the present application. In the above amendments, claims 2, 6, 7, 11-15, 18-20, 22, 25, 26, 30-34, 37 and 38 have been amended, and claims 1, 9, 10, 21, 28 and 29 have been canceled without prejudice.

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 40-73 and indicating claims 2-8, 11, 15-20, 22-27, 30 and 34-39 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.


Claims 2, 6, 7, 11, 15, 18-20, 22, 25, 26, 30, 34, 37 and 38 have been amended to independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. These claims and their dependent claims should be in condition for allowance.

REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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